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RST Community,

Good morning. I want to again thank those of you helping with the analytical work relative to shale gas issues here in Region 3. To assure the development and communication of good science Region 3 has discussed the need for a common set of external communication guidelines. I expect to see a draft of those guidelines in a few days. In the meantime Region 3 asks you and your staff to implement the following communication measures if the need arises. If a call or letter comes to you or your staff regarding analytical methods or results please put that request into an email and forward it to Cynthia Metzger of Region 3. Most of you know Cindy as the Director of our Ft. Meade facility. After receiving your email Cindy will coordinate the response here in Region 3 and through your organization.

When the Region 3 communication guidance is produced I will forward a copy to you.

Thanks again for all of your help.

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RST Community,

As you are aware, Region 3 is embarking on a significant and complicated assessment of potential ground water contamination in the Dimock, Pennsylvania area. I have attached a copy of the Press Release for your information.

In order to meet the analytical requirements for this effort, Region 3 has reached out to the Regional Lab community for assistance in providing analytical and technical support. Your labs have been very gracious and generous in response. Regions 2 and 9 will be providing analysis for several parameters our lab does not perform. Region 5 is assisting in developing a GC/MS method for ethylene glycol. The other labs have offered back up and surge support as needed.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you and your respective colleagues and staff for stepping up and volunteering to assist in this very important activity. This is a prime example of cooperative efforts to solve some of the nation's most vexing environmental problems. We are proud and grateful to be part of this community.

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